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After 21 years in uniforms and business suits, Lt. Col. Dave Miller will be allowed to report to work in his robe. Miller stands outside the Pioneer Museum in Colordao Springs, Colo., Aug 30 as a newly sworn-in judge.



Photo by Capt. Laurie Arellano

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# Demobilization in near future

By Col. Richard Moss

302nd Airlift Wing commander

The time has finally come. We are starting to demobilize our personnel effective the end of this month. For now, it will be primarily operations and maintenance personnel; we expect further guidance for the remaining personnel in the near future.

On Dec. 14, 2001, we activated over 550 people to support Operations Noble Eagle and Enduring Freedom. It has been a challenging time. Although the mobilization was traumatic for many, everyone stepped forward and maintained a positive attitude throughout it all – the constant rotations to Germany, a rotation to Puerto Rico, and to top it off, the MAFFS activation to fight fires here and the Western U.S.

A brief summary of your outstanding accomplishments are:

-Joint Forge: four aircraft and over 49,000 personnel days continuously deployed

to Germany supporting missions throughout the European theater

✓ Coronet Oak: three aircraft and 180 personnel days supporting missions throughout Central and South America

✓ MAFFS: between our wing and the Air National Guard, over 650 sorties flown, dropping over 15,000,000 pounds of fire retardant as of Aug. 19 and we're still operating today

✓ Security Forces: the squadron has been deployed continuously protecting bases and aircraft in the U.S. and abroad

✓ Flying hours: we will exceed our normal flying hour program by 150%

✓ Countless other deployments and missions flown supporting the Total Force

In short, we have accomplished more than anyone expected of us. We were activated because we are the best C-130 wing, and we have proven that fact. It has been a true team effort by everyone concerned – the

activated personnel, non-activated personnel, and the civilian employees. Everyone has sacrificed in some way to ensure we met every tasking. I, and the entire Air Force command structure, cannot thank you enough for all you have done.

As we approach the one year anniversary of Sept. 11, remembrances will be held throughout the nation so that we never forget those who were the first victims as well as the military men and women who have given the ultimate sacrifice in the war against terrorism. I encourage you to take part in those ceremonies and realize that what you have done as a citizen airman has been critical to this nation's efforts against terrorism and your contributions will not be forgotten.



## Commentary

### Preparing for battle

*The best armor, if not worn in battle, is useless*

By Chaplain (Capt.) Brian Anderson  
Special to the Front Range Flyer

*Editor's note: Chaplain Anderson has recently gone on to active duty and is now stationed at Dyess Air Force Base, Texas.*

While a Los Angeles police officer was making a routine traffic stop, things seriously went wrong. As he approached the truck, there was no way of knowing that the driver was wanted by the police, armed and dangerous. As he reached the driver's side window, the suspect pulled out a pistol and shot the officer in the chest at point blank range.

The shot dropped the officer to the ground and the driver began to pull away, but luckily the officer was wearing his bullet proof vest. Although stunned by what had just happened, the officer quickly got to his knees and pulled out his gun. He fired off one shot toward the truck, stood up, and yelled for the driver to stop. Looking in his mirror,

the driver saw the police officer standing. Knowing he had just shot the officer at point blank range, the fugitive was startled by what he saw. With complete amazement, he stopped the truck, threw his gun out the window and surrendered. The armor had saved the officer's life.

Being in the military, I understand the need for armor and the protection it offers. Really, who among us would want to go into a hostile environment completely exposed? But this is not the only kind of armor we use. Every day each one of us uses defensive mechanisms to protect our emotions, feeling, relationships, finances, and even our possessions.

Unfortunately, when it comes to our spiritual lives we don't take the same precautions. As a result, we are often to blame when our faith is under fire and we fail to defend it, we compromise it, or worse...lose it. Let me encourage you the same way Paul encour-

aged the Ephesians. "Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of His might, remembering that we are commanded to put on the full armor of God: righteousness, truth, peace, faith, salvation, and knowing how to handle the Word of God which is the sword of the Spirit."

Your battle in this life isn't against the physical world, but against a spiritual realm that wants to see you fail. It's a battle against ideas, attitudes, lusts, temptations, fear, and speculation. If you don't have on that breastplate when the fiery dart hits you in the chest at point blank range, you won't survive.

So, I share with you and the same command that Paul gave to the church in Ephesus...STAND FIRM...in your faith, in godly conviction, in the spiritual armor provided, and on your knees in prayer. This is where true victory is born.



# Following the flights of freedom

## Controller joins war on terrorism in Pakistan

By Tech. Sgt. Tim Taylor  
Front Range Flyer

The opportunity to participate in the defense of the United States of America is something most military members look forward to. For Tech. Sgt. Carl Tarry, 302nd Command Post controller, it was no different. He recently returned from an 8-week stay in Pakistan as part of Operation Enduring Freedom.

A little nervous about the assignment at first, it didn't take long for him to become excited about joining the Enduring Freedom team.

"I was looking forward to the opportunity to participate in Operation Enduring Freedom and being able to be a part of it," Tarry said.

His wife, Kathy, had similar feelings.

"She was a little apprehensive, but she was excited about me being able to participate," he said. "At the time I couldn't tell her where I was going."

With his wife and family offering their full support, Tarry headed off to Pakistan in early April. Upon arrival he found he would be living in a tent city and that operations there were still in the early stages.

"When you're first setting up shop you put in a lot of long hours," he said. "We weren't the first ones there, but we were still building up from ground zero."

Along with his job in the command post, Tarry had additional duties, such as keeping tents and latrines clean.

In the command post, he was busy conducting flight-following operations.

"When aircraft are going to be arriving or getting ready to depart, there is coordination to be done," Tarry said. This included



*Tech. Sgt. Carl Tarry reports to the command post after spending two months in Pakistan. (Photo by Master Sgt. Cathleen Snow)*

such tasks as tracking cargo and passenger requirements, maintenance needs and positioning aircraft for fueling. Good coordination was a necessity to accommodate limited parking space for aircraft.

"We worked as a team with airfield management," he said. "The way we function with them, keeping in mind what was on the ground, what was inbound and what was leaving, so there is a smooth flow."

Tarry's efforts in Pakistan earned him an Air Force Achievement Medal.

"We had to have one person go and he volunteered and did a fantastic job," Master Sgt. Marty Delargy, 302nd Command Post superintendent, said.

## Flexibility enables Reserve to support AEF

ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE, Ga. – The war on terrorism now requires that the Air Force review the construct of the Air and Space Expeditionary Force in order to meet new war-time commitments.

AEF, the blueprint for deploying expeditionary forces, designed in part to provide greater stability and predictability for the men and women of the Air Force, has been strained but not broken by the war. As much as possible during the war, the Air Force wants to ensure its promise of deployment predictability and stability for its members and their families.

To address recent concerns, Air Force Vice Chief of Staff Gen. Robert Foglesong established a new office, Special Assistant to the Chief of Staff for AEF Matters, to oper-

ate for at least one year to review, clarify and publish AEF policy and guidance. In addition, every other month, major command vice commanders, a group of Air Staff lieutenant generals and representatives of the AEF Center will meet with the vice chief of staff as the "AEF Forum" to review and refine the AEF structure.

"As the dynamic of war fighting changes, the Air Force must change. That is the strength of the Air Force," said Maj. Gen. Wallace W. Whaley, director of operations at Headquarters Air Force Reserve Command. "The AEF structure will help balance the forces, and we can then provide a high degree of predictability for our people who are deploying. We have historically taken care of our people when we go through these kinds

of changes."

Whaley acknowledged that one concern facing the Air Force in the war on terrorism is that certain specialty codes, such as security forces and fire fighters, are stressed.

Despite the shakeup of war, up to 90 percent of forces can still count on returning home at their scheduled time. Replacements should continue to receive up to 120-day notices before deploying.

One reason for the high percentage of timely tours can be attributed to the large number of reservists volunteering for deployments.

"In my 34 years of service, I have never seen volunteerism like it is now, and that has kept the mobilization numbers relatively calm," Whaley said.



# Security forces serve around the world

By Maj. Kyle L. Baxter

302nd Security Forces Squadron Commander

After the terrorist attacks against America on Sept. 11, 2001, military installations immediately increased to the highest alert condition. The manpower required for security forces to sustain that level of alert is tremendous. Much more manpower was needed than existed in the active force and at air reserve bases.

The call went out for volunteers to sign up for man day tours to help out, pending partial mobilization of reserve component security forces. Twenty-one members of the 302nd Security Forces Squadron (a third of the unit) answered the call and deployed to Dobbins ARB, Ga., during September and October to provide security and law enforcement services. The troops performed magnificently and were recognized upon completion of their tour by receiving the 22nd Air Force Security Forces "Drive On" Award.

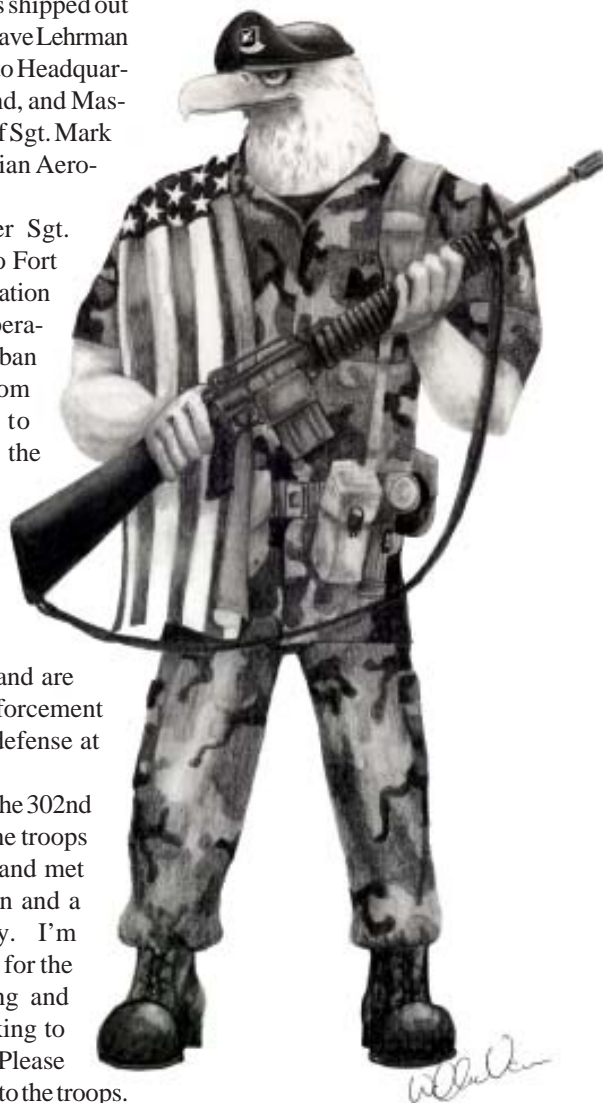
On Sept. 23 four of our Ravens – Senior Master Sgt. Gary Brown, Master Sgt. Michael Gettman, Master Sgt. Eric Denke, and Tech. Sgt. J.D. – were mobilized and deployed to stateside and overseas locations to fly missions in support of Operation Enduring Freedom and to serve on staff at Headquarters Air Mobility Command and Headquarters U.S. Transportation Command at Scott AFB, Ill.

The remainder of the unit was mobilized Nov. 7 and reported to Peterson AFB to prepare for deployment. Two squads went to Scott AFB and one squad was deployed to the Air Force Academy in support of Operation Noble Eagle. Senior

Master Sgt. Bryan Bossert was shipped out to MacDill AFB, Fla. First Lt. Dave Lehrman was operationally transferred to Headquarters Air Force Space Command, and Master Sgt. Jeff Campbell and Staff Sgt. Mark Abbotts went to North American Aerospace Defense Command.

On Jan. 2 Chief Master Sgt. Bobby E. Smith and I went to Fort Dix, N.J., to participate in Operation Fundamental Justice. The operation involved transferring Taliban and Al-Qaida detainees from Kandahar, Afghanistan, to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. At the end of January, one squad returned to Peterson AFB from Scott AFB to prepare for deployment to Southwest Asia on an air and space expeditionary force rotation. The squad members left Feb. 25 and are providing security and law enforcement services, as well as air base defense at their deployed location.

The operations tempo for the 302nd SFS has been very high, but the troops have stepped up to the plate and met the challenge with motivation and a refreshing dedication to duty. I'm extremely proud of the troops for the outstanding job they're doing and for the sacrifices they're making to serve and protect our country. Please join me in a hearty 'HOOAH!' to the troops.



## *Get your employer a special thanks a web-click away for deserving bosses*

Our nation is relying on its guard and reserve forces now more than ever, and the civilian employers of our airmen continue to bear hardships to support our cause. Secretary of the Air Force, Dr. James G. Roche and Air Force Chief of Staff, General John P. Jumper, want to thank those employers personally by sending each of them a letter and an AF employer recognition lapel pin modeled after the "E" flags of World War II.

Each airman is asked to submit the name and address of their direct civilian supervisor and the name and address of the head of the company for which they work. To quickly and easily submit the necessary information, log onto the following website as soon as possible so that the information can be processed in a timely manner: <http://www.yourguardiansoffreedom.com/thanks>.

## Did you know? Retention

Your time-in-service continues to increase after you retire. For example, a master sergeant who retires at age 45 with 22 years service, will be 'over 26' for pay purposes when the retirement check is collected at age 60.

Compute your estimated retirement pay at:

[HTTP://www.arpc.afrc.af.mil](http://www.arpc.afrc.af.mil)  
You will need to know how many points you currently have. For more information, contact Master Sgt. Timothy Wilson (719) 556-7702.

# Family Fun

Military and family members of the 302d Airlift Wing family met Aug. 10 for a leisurely day of spending time with each other while enjoying food, games, sports and fellowship. A range of festivities held in Bldg. 210 were put together for full day of family fun.

Some of the day's activities included a fire department display, a K-9 demonstration by the security forces, classic cars and a C-130 static display. Peterson's Air Force Band of the Rockies put on a high energy musical performance.





# *Beginning to return to a normal life*

## The ins and outs of demobilization

By Tech. Sgt. Tim Taylor  
*Front Range Flyer*

Wing members and their families will be welcoming a return to a more normal lifestyle over the next few weeks, but the process of doing so is no simple task.

"Wing demobilization is an 'extremely important' process," said Col. Richard Moss, 302nd Airlift wing commander, who wants the transition to civilian life to flow as smoothly as possible. "They (reservists) need to know that we've done our best to take care of them."

"Demobilization is the key to retention," he added. "It's a complicated process, but we are going to try to make sure they understand everything about it."

**PRE-DEMOBILIZATION BRIEFINGS** - That's where pre-demobilization briefings came into play. Three were held in August, and a fourth briefing is scheduled Sept. 11 for activated wing members who have not yet attended a briefing.

The briefings have been covering various issues in the personnel, finance, legal and medical areas. Air reserve technicians have also been getting briefed by civilian personnel on issues pertaining to the ART aspect.

Making sure they know all of the right information so that they can make all of the right choices is key, said Moss. "We're going to do everything we can to make sure the employers and families understand we appreciate the sacrifices they made the past nine months."

**RETENTION** - It will be the job of Master Sgt. Tim Wilson, personnel retention manager, to ensure reservists understand their retention options. Among them are reenlistment and extension eligibility.

For those who entered into an extension to cover mobilization there will be an option to cancel if they have not entered into that extension.

The Employments section has been handling retraining concerns both Senior Airman Inka Roberts, 556-4497; and Stephanie Lee, 556-7043, will be available to answer any questions.

**LEAVE AND TRAVEL VOUCHERS** - Leave and travel vouchers are among the most important issues in demobilization. According to Military Pay, leave must be completed before the end of a reservist's tour; either by taking it or selling it back. Pay issues can be resolved after the fact. A final travel voucher, covering an individual's entire mobilization must also be filed.

Questions about pay, vouchers and leave can be addressed to either Chuck Joyner at 1-800-446-9624 or 556-7442, Burnett at 556-7718 or Bill Curtis at 556-7930.

**RE-EMPLOYMENT** - For traditional reservists, re-employment and employment rights could be a concern and the Judge Advocate office is addressing those issues. Reservists' employment rights are protected through the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Act.

"Our people are protected provided they have followed the act before they left and continue to follow it after they return," said Lt. Col. Dave Miller, deputy staff judge advocate.

The act follows various criteria for reemployment. Those gone for up to 30 days must return to work by the beginning of the first full regularly scheduled work period on the first full calendar day following completion of their period of service plus expiration of eight hours for transportation. Those activated

for 31-180 days must submit an application for reemployment with their employer no later than 14 days after completing their period of service. Those activated for more than 180 days have 90 days to submit an application for reemployment. Miller said a formal application is not required, but reservists should inform their employer in writing they are prepared to start work again.

Reservists are entitled to prompt reinstatement. Those returning after 90 days are entitled to a commensurate position to the one they left with similar pay, seniority and status.

Concerns can be addressed to Lt. Col. Rod Winn or Miller at 556-8140. Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve is another place that provides employment information. Fred Fletemeyer, chairman, Colorado Committee for ESGR, can be reached at 473-1216. A website may be accessed at [www.esgr.org](http://www.esgr.org). There is also the Colorado Department of Labor. The representatives are Nilt Gonzalez, (303) 844-2125, and Mark McGinty, (303) 844-2151, Ext. 2152.

**FREE LEGAL SERVICE** - Miller has also helped set up a free legal service with local attorneys to provide a look at reservists' situations. Contact the 21st Space Wing Legal Office at 556-4871 for more information.

There are a variety of personnel issues to be looked at. The Military Personnel Flight has been providing members with outprocessing checklists to help demobilization flow smoothly.

"Hardship processing and the DD Form 214, will be of utmost importance said Staff Sgt. Ana Dominguez, chief personnel flight.

Career Enhancement will require the final paid out travel voucher from each member in order to accurately determine eligibility for ribbons and to annotate overseas deployments on their DD Form 214.

"The attitude of the people has been fantastic," said Moss. "That's why they mobilized this unit, because we are the best."



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**Col. Richard R. Moss**  
**302 Airlift Wing commander**

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# Judge for yourself

## Reservist weighs in on scales of justice

By Capt. Laurie Arellano  
Front Range Flyer

He's been a Marine judge advocate, an Air Force judge advocate and a civilian lawyer. Finally, after 21 years in uniforms and business suits, Lt. Col. Dave Miller will be allowed to report to work in his robe.

The ten-year reservist with the 302nd Airlift Wing begins a new phase of his career this month when he assumes the bench in a courtroom of the 4th judicial district in Colorado Springs following an appointment to the judgeship by Gov. Bill Owens.

"It's a good time in my career to do something like this," Miller said. "I knew in law school being a judge was something I would want to accomplish."

Miller said there were two vacancies on the district court bench this year, one due to a retirement, and one that was added by the legislature because the district has experienced major growth and is now the busiest in Colorado. His appointment to one of those vacancies came after an extensive application process, including an interview with the Governor.

"One of the things that made me stand out was being a practicing judge advocate," Miller said. "There were probably some former judge advocates, but I was the only one still wearing the uniform."

Miller proudly admitted, "Being in the Reserve definitely brings some additional respect from my peers and clients."

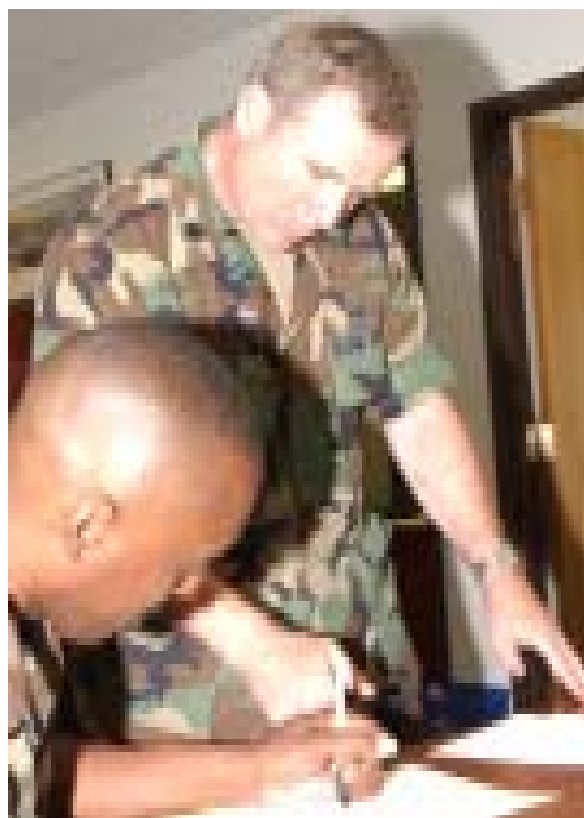
Lt. Col. Rodney Winn, 302nd Airlift Wing Staff Judge Advocate, said Miller is a dedicated reservist and is his right hand in running the wing legal office.

"He's worked for me for over 10 years

and I have always been able to count on him," Winn said. "I can call him at home or work and he will go the extra mile to make things happen for the members of this unit."

Winn said one characteristic makes Miller stand out.

"Above all, he is an honest and forth-



*Lt. Col. Dave Miller helps Andre Williams, 39th Aerial Port Squadron, complete his will. Miller was recently sworn in as 4th District Court Judge. Photo by Capt. Laurie A. Arellano*

right person," Winn said. "That is important when dealing with legal matters that affect people's lives."

Miller said having been a staff judge advocate will add a different perspective to cases he'll hear as a judge.

"Being a member of the Reserve has exposed me to different areas of the law," Miller said.

He also said he's looking forward to the challenges of handling a docket ranging from divorces to death penalty cases. He'll be hearing cases in district court, a court of general jurisdiction. Cases heard in district court include felony criminal matters, family law and civil matters of unlimited monetary value.

"As a civilian lawyer, you get somewhat specialized, practicing a very narrow area of the law. As a district court judge, I will see absolutely every kind of law in my courtroom," Miller said.

Miller said his new responsibilities will be a good fit.

"If I see a wrong, I really get my teeth into it. Most of the time, cases in civilian practice are not a justice issue," Miller said. "As a judge, on a daily basis I'll be making justice decisions."

Miller thinks the experiences in his military career have prepared him for his new duties.

Col. Richard Moss, 302nd Airlift Wing commander agrees.

"He's definitely deserving of this position. He's done a tremendous job here for the wing and we're very proud of his success," said Moss.

Moss said he enjoys watching members of the unit achieve their goals in both their civilian and military lives.

"It just proves we have some of the most outstanding people in the Reserve," Moss said. "It's always great to see them recognized in the community."

Miller said he hopes to give back to the unit by providing wing leadership with a unique viewpoint of the community.

"I'll have a whole different picture of the people and what's happening in the area," said Miller.

Miller was sworn in at a robing ceremony at the end of August, and began hearing cases in his courtroom in early September.





## ***Free daily commute***

Colorado Springs Transit buses have resumed on-base service here in July.

Through the Transportation Incentive Program (TIP) members of the active duty, Guard, Reserve and civilian federal employees may receive a tax free fringe benefit of up to \$100 per month.

Patrons do not pay up front and get reimbursed; passes are distributed each month.

New applications should be delivered or faxed by the 5th of any given month to guarantee a pass for the subsequent month. For more information call Lt. Matthew Vincent from the 21st Logistics Support Squadron, 556-6524 or log onto [http://www.military.com/Resources/ResourceFileView?file=MR\\_Commuter.htm](http://www.military.com/Resources/ResourceFileView?file=MR_Commuter.htm). "Bottomline, this is your opportunity for a free daily commute," said Vincent. "I'll do my best to help everyone interested benefit from this program."

## ***Math 109 starts in September***

Math, a Community College of the Air Force requirement, is available to you on unit training assemblies. The University of Southern Colorado is offering Math 109, Math Exploration, this UTA on Friday, Sept. 13, Bldg. 895, Room 203. The class meets 6 p.m. - 10 p.m., and will meet again Saturday 5 p.m. - 10 p.m. With tuition assistance the class will be \$97.50 (without tuition assistance it will be \$390) and books will run \$80. Contact Tech. Sgt. Louise Rasmussen, Education and Training, for additional information, 556-7573.

## ***ARTs can return to duty while on terminal leave***

Air Reserve Technicians can use their accrued military leave from their active duty tour as the end of that tour and return to civil service (same as terminal leave from the initial active duty tour). Timecards need not reflect military status because the ARTS will be present for duty in their civilian status.

## ***Time limit change to retroactive Thrift Savings***

The time limit to make Thrift Savings Plan retroactive contributions has changed from one year to 60 days for employees returning to duty following military service. The Air Force's Benefits and Entitlements Team has information at its website: [www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/dpc/BEST/bestbrochures.htm](http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/dpc/BEST/bestbrochures.htm)

## ***Cells and vapors may not mix***

According to the Chief of the Ground Safety Division, Air Force Safety Center, John Russell, there is little hard data on cell phones as potential ignition sources at service stations and other areas where flammable vapors may be present. Cell phone manufacturers do not test or certify their products for use in flammable atmospheres, so they won't say cells are safe to use while servicing vehicles.

Until more conclusive information on cell phones becomes available, the safety guidance is to not use cell phones around flammable areas such as service stations.



## ***Plans begin for demobilization ceremony***

Plans are underway to celebrate the demobilization of activated 302d Airlift Wing members, Wednesday, Oct. 2. A ceremony followed by hamburgers, hotdogs, chips and beverages will be part of the celebration. Details are being finalized as this paper goes to the printer, so watch for further information through email and command channels in the weeks to come.

## ***Overseas mailing law***

As of August 6, President Bush signed a new law authorizing U.S. Customs Service to examine all outbound international and military mail in excess of 16 ounces. Although the final Customs policy has not been published, it is their intention to act quickly. Force protection and contraband are their main concerns, as well as illegal items and HAZMAT. As of right now, they do not anticipate major slow downs, but be advised, some slowing can be expected. If you have questions or concerns, contact Kim Anderson at 556-8295.

## ***Extended reservists need to report change***

Mobilized reservists extended into a second year must go to their servicing military personnel unit to ensure they receive continuous health care and other benefits.

If deployed overseas, they see their Personnel Support for Contingency Operations team to update information in the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System and receive a new identification card. (AFRC News Service)

## ***Black Heritage meeting***

An open meeting will be held Sunday of the September unit training assembly (Sept. 15) at noon in the Aragon Dining Hall (Bldg. 1160). Members of the 302d Airlift Wing and the 310th Space Group and their dependents are invited to attend. For more information, contact the Military Equal Opportunity office at 556-6215.

# Unit Training Assembly Schedule\*

September 14-15

Time	Activity	Location	OPR/Ext.
<b>Saturday</b>			
0530 - 1000	Breakfast is served	Aragon Dining Facility	SVS/6-4001
0700 - 1300	CATM (M-16)	Air Force Academy	SFS/6/6536
0600 - 0730	"Jump Start" Fellowship	Sandy's Restaurant	HC/6-4006
0900 - 1000	Monthly UTM Training	Bldg. 895 Room 204	DPMT/6-7249
1000 - 1100	First Sergeants Meeting	Large Conference Room	CCC/6-8132
1100 - 1300	AD Issuing Line Badges***	21st SFS Visitor's Center	21SFS/6-6660
1100 - 1730	Let's Do Lunch!	Aragon Dining Facility	SVS/6-4001
1100 - 1230	"Lunch & A Lift"	Aragon Colorado Room	HC/6-4006
1200 - 1600	CWD Training Refresher	Bldg. 1324	CEX/6-7221
1245 - 1600	CDC/PME Test **	Bldg. 895 Room 204	DPMT/6-7250
1300 - 1600	Chaplains Available	Bldg. 893 Room 143	HC/6-4006
1530 - 1600	Suicide Prevention	Bldg. 893 Conference Room	SG/6-1132
1600 - 1630	Anthrax Briefing	Bldg. 893 Conference Room	SG/6-1132
1600 - 1700	Catholic Confession	Bldg. 1410 PAFB Chapel	HC/6-4006
1700 - 1800	Catholic Mass	Bldg. 1410 PAFB Chapel	HC/6-4006
2000 - 2300	Late Night Snack/Carry Out	Aragon Dining Facility	SVS/6-4001
<b>Sunday</b>			
0530 - 1000	Breakfast is served	Aragon Dining Facility	SVS/6-4001
0800 - 1200	1st Duty Station	731st Conference Room	MEO/6-8180
0815 - 0915	Protestant Liturgy	Bldg. 1410 PAFB Chapel	HC/6-4006
0830 - 0930	Chiefs' Meeting	Aragon Dining Facility	CCC/6-8132
0830 - 0930	Catholic CCD	Bldg. 1410 PAFB Chapel	HC/6-4006
0830 - 0930	MPF (3S0) In-House Training	Bldg. 895 Room 204	DPM/6-7227
0930 - 1030	Catholic Mass	Bldg. 1410 PAFB Chapel	HC/6-4006
1100 - 1200	Protestant Service	Bldg. 1410 PAFB Chapel	HC/6-4006
1100 - 1730	Let's Do Lunch!	Aragon Dining Facility	SVS/6-4001
1230 - 1330	Protestant Gospel Service	Bldg. 1410 PAFB Chapel	HC/6-4006
1200 - 1300	Protestant Worship	Bldg. 893, Room 125	HC/6-4006
1245 - 1600	CDC/PME Testing	Bldg. 895 Room 204	DPMT/6-7250
1400 - 1500	Med. Liaison & Ancillary Mtg.	302nd AW Conference Room	WTPC/6-7250
2000 - 2300	Late Night Snack/Carry Out	Aragon Dining Facility	SVS/6-4001

\* Schedule is subject to last minute changes. \*\* Military ID cards are MANDATORY for ALL testing. For CDC end-of-course exams, a testing authorization letter is also MANDATORY. Testing authorization letters will be obtained from the respective Unit Training Manager/Monitor.

\*\*\*Disregard hours posted on the door (do not take UTAs into consideration). Doors will be unlocked.

## 'Sock' it to me Uniform tip of the month

According to AFI 36-2903, white socks may be worn with the combat boots. During exercises and contingencies though, one must wear black socks or black socks over white socks to preclude the white socks from showing.

This excludes food service workers. Plain white socks are to be worn with plain white shoes and plain black socks are to be worn with the plain black shoes. (MPF)



## Welcome Wing Newcomers

### Airlift Wing

A1C Cassandra Reese

### Logistics Group

TSgt Kenneth Feathers

### Support Group

Maj Michael Grieco

### 39th Aerial Port Squadron

SSgt Melvin Anderson

SrA Elaine Dyer

SrA James Price

### 731st Airlift Squadron

A1C Scott Bailey

SSgt Myron Davis

### Civil Engineering Squadron

TSgt David Kline

### Aeromedical Staging Squadron

SrA Silvina Humphrey

SrA Karen Laura

SrA George Simonton

### Mission Support Squadron

SrA Frank Leyden XII

A1C Marcus Wilson

### Maintenance Squadron

A1C Beatrice Cervantes

SrA Tom Chau

A1C Michael Gonzales

### 302nd Security Forces Squadron

SSgt Jason Humphrey

### 310th Space Group

SSgt Deau Marcum

Capt Gregory Pitel

Major Mark Raymond

SSgt Justin Bankert

Maj Jay Hall

Capt Thomas Kelkenberg

SSgt Spencer Harris

## Chief's reading list - from the top

### *Get the latest word on changing times and challenges*

As the Air Force Chief of Staff, I have decided to continue the practice of providing a list of recommended reading for our enlisted, officer, and civilian members. This new list replaces the previous tiered list that has served the Air Force over the past six years. That prior list was divided into sections depending upon your rank. Given that my list is new, it's appropriate for Air Force members of all grades to pursue it, as their time permits.

In addition to these titles, I encourage each of you to develop strong reading habits to further your intellectual development—and hope that such habits will become a personal trademark throughout your Air Force career.

I intend to make this a dynamic list with additions and substitutions from time to time

after periodic renewal in order for it to remain relevant to our constantly changing times and challenges.

For the challenges the United States Air Force faces today, I have given priority to books regarding:

1) the recent past as more lesson-filled than the distant past,

2) the transformation challenges we have overcome, and those that we still face, and

3) a look to the future for clues to the asymmetric vulnerabilities that await us.

The reading list, complete with a summary, can be accessed at [www.af.mil/lib/csafbook/index.shtml](http://www.af.mil/lib/csafbook/index.shtml). The Air Force Historian's office is in the process of supplying each Air Force library with multiple copies of each of the books.

## Get the grade and you may get paid

Air Force reservists may be eligible to obtain assistance with educational endeavors through the Air Force Reserve Tuition Assistance (TA) Program. However, the Tuition Assistance Program and the Montgomery GI Bill or MGIB kicker benefits program cannot be used for the same class.

The basic tuition assistance benefit offers 75 percent tuition reimbursement, not to

exceed \$187.50 per semester hour, \$125 per quarter hour, with a maximum, cumulative benefit not to exceed \$3,500 in one fiscal year. Reimbursement for a 3-semester hour course cannot exceed \$562.50.

Log onto the website for more information about education programs at <https://www.mil.afrc.af.mil/HQ/DP/DPT/DEFAULT.HTM> (AFRC/DPTS)

## Congratulations wing promotees

### PEP Promotion to Master Sergeant

Andrew Miazga

Sherri Patton

### PEP Promotion to Technical Sergeant

Robert Taylor

James Strickland

Heidi Debord

### Chief Master Sergeant

Willie Bennett

Owen Connolly

Paul Walker

### Senior Master Sergeant

Mark Barber

Cynthia Bennett

Joseph Dykeman

Nicholas Fulfaro

Dale Griffith

Michael Harris

Mark Koenig

Joseph Krut

Joseph Marsh

Rosemarie Matteson

Michael McLaughlin

Wendy Register

William Rheingans

William Rowan

Ronald Welp

Pamela White



# Wing to undergo reorganization next month

By Maj. Tom Abel

302nd Deputy Support Group Commander

The United States Air Force is going to a standard wing structure, across its entire force beginning October 1. This reorganization will align the Air Force's core competencies directly with its wing-level organizations.

At the 302nd Airlift Wing, the biggest changes will occur in the support group, which is being renamed mission support group. The new mission support group will gain a logistics readiness squadron (composed of supply, transportation and logistics plans) and the 39th Aerial Port Squadron.

"The Air Force will exploit three core competencies – to operate air and space weapons systems, to maintain these com-

plete weapons systems, and enhance direct mission support of expeditionary, rapid reaction, contingency-based Air Force," said Gen. John P. Jumper, Air Force Chief of Staff. Therefore, as part of the Air Force transformation, we're aligning our wing organization structure to mirror these competencies. This will help us to become more expeditionary and allow us to train our leaders in war fighting, maintenance, and expeditionary operations. These changes are needed to further the Air Force's abilities to sustain home station operations and rapidly deploy for worldwide operations.

"I am excited at the expanded role the mission support group has and recognition of our importance with the other two Air Force core competencies (operations and maintenance)," said Lt. Col. Steven Kett, 302nd

Support Group Commander (soon to be Mission Support Group Commander).

"This change will force the Mission Support Group to think in an operational manner. The mission support group knows where they are and where they need to be to accomplish its core competency. Gone are the days when the Support Group was looked on as an administrative function.

"This new operational structure will provide exciting new opportunities and challenges for support group personnel. Also, the new support group configuration will make the mission of the support group standardized versus based on wing mission, assuring a higher degree of mission capability and importance to the Air Force mission."

Jumper set Sept. 30, 2003, as the target date to achieve full operational capability.

## Five major changes

✎ All aircraft and space maintenance specialists currently assigned to operations and logistics groups will be reassigned to a newly created maintenance group.

✎ Supply and transportation squadrons will be combined to form logistics readiness squadrons.

✎ Contracting squadrons, aerial ports and logistics readiness squadron will transfer into existing support groups, which will be renamed "mission support group."

✎ Logistics plans functions will transfer to newly created LRSs.

✎ The logistics readiness officer career field initiative, which combines three officer career fields - supply, transportation and logistics plans - has new accessions beginning this month.



Staff Sgt. Cloyde Lewis, 302d Aeromedical Staging Squadron, and his wife, welcome 302nd members to the beverage stand during Family Day, Aug. 5. See page six for more of the story. (Photo courtesy of 302nd Family Support)

## Commissary's biggest case lot sale - ever!

Paper goods, canned goods, beverages & more

Sale hours:

Sept. 21 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Sept. 22 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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